

Tenure of top bureaucrats

187. SHRIAMAR SINGH:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have decided to fix tenures of certain top bureaucrats notwithstanding their superannuation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government had received any protest from other senior officers against the fixed tenures of few officials; and
- (d) if so, Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the rule 16 of the All India Service (Death-cum-Retirement Benefits) Rules, 1958 has been amended to provide for extension of service in public interest for a period deemed proper not exceeding two years for the incumbents of the posts of the Defence Secretary, Home Secretary, Director, Intelligence Bureau, Secretary, Research and Analysis Wing and Director, Central Bureau of Investigation and not exceeding three years in the case of the Cabinet Secretary, on a case to case basis.

Further for the post of Chief Secretary, extension of service for a period not exceeding six months may be given in public interest on the recommendations made by the concerned State Government with the prior approval of the Central Government.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

Apathy towards 'Right to Information'

†188. SHRIMATI MAYASINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government departments are not letting the public to take the benefit of 'Right to Information';

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.